

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Chess Award

I'm pleased to inform you that the school has been awarded the **British Chess Education Trust Award** for our contribution to schools chess. This is a fantastic honour and is testament to all the staff and children's commitment to learning about/ and playing chess over the last fifteen years. We were one of the first schools in the country to trial Chess in Schools all those years ago and since that trial we have continued to support the delivery of chess to all our pupils in years 4/5 and 6 as part of our curriculum offer. On another note good luck to those children who have been selected by Mr Steele, our Chess In Schools facilitator, who will be taking part in the Merseyside Chess Championships next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July.

## School Reports

The end of year children's school reports will be sent home next Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to discuss anything in their reports then please make an appointment to speak to the class teacher.

## Transition

On Monday we will be doing some work around transition. This will involve the children spending some time with their class teacher for next year. In terms of the teaching structure for next year, the table below highlights who will be teaching each individual year group:

Year Group	Teacher
Nursery	Mrs Bryning
Reception	Mrs Stalker
Year 1	Miss Whyte
Year 2	Miss Gill
Year 3	Mrs Hall/Miss McNamara
Year 4	Miss Shellien
Year 5	Miss Fearon
Year 6	Mrs Nevin

\* Miss Blundell to be working across Y5/Y6

## Class Assemblies

A big thank you to all those parents/carers who have attended their children's class assemblies over the last week. Year 5 performed their Victorian Assembly last Friday while our Year 4 children did theirs this morning. Well done to all those children involved, they were all brilliant!!! Our Year 1 children will be performing their class assembly next Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, at 9.15 am in the school hall.

## Attendance

The government are introducing new procedures for attendance from September including increased costs for Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence. Further information will be sent out before we break up. Below are the current attendance figures per class for this week. Our target is over 96%. Well done to Year 5 who had over 96% attendance this week. Any child who has below 90% attendance is classed as being a 'persistent absentee' & school have to work closely with parents to ensure that improvements are seen. A reminder that Holiday requests need to be applied for in



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advance & can only be granted if there are exceptional circumstances. A fine will be issued of £60 per child for general family holidays in term time. Please see our Attendance Policy on the school website for more information. Attendance Support Plans issued will be reviewed & will continue into the next academic year. We will also have our Sefton Education Welfare Officer on site doing a 'late gate' as we have concerns about the number of children arriving late each day. Children need to arrive by 8.40am as the gates will be locked at 8.45am & children need to be in class at 8.45am ready to start their school day. This applies to all classes in main school including Reception class (Nursery start at 8.45am). Any children arriving after 8.45am will need to be signed in late at the school office. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am with last entry being 8.35am. Last time for food is 8.25am.

<b>Rec</b>	<b>91.4%</b>	<b>Y1</b>	<b>89.2%</b>	<b>Y2</b>	<b>91.7%</b>	<b>Y3</b>	<b>92.8%</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>89.7%</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>91.8%</b>	<b>All school</b>	<b>91.8%</b>
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### Summer Break

A reminder that main school breaks up for the summer on Tuesday 23rd July at 2pm. There is no After School Club that day. Nursery finish at their normal times on Monday 22nd July. We return on Tuesday 3rd September at the normal times. Breakfast & After School are open from this date. Our new Reception class have a staggered start which have been advised to relevant parents.

### Netball

Congratulations to our Netball Team who won their first league match last week against Forefield Juniors. The improvement from their first game has been huge and it's been great to see how their skills and confidence have grown. Thanks must also go to Mrs Hunter who has been training the team throughout.

### Summer Reading Challenge - Visit your local library and sign up to the Challenge

Please see the information below on how to sign up for this summer's reading challenge:

1. Sign up – visit your local Library and speak to the staff to start your challenge
2. Read 6 books – For every 2 books you will collect prizes
3. Finish – You will receive a certificate in school

### Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and watch this year's sports day. I'm sure you will all agree that the children all performed really well with the biggest emphasis of the day being on "having fun". The Junior Sports Day point's totals have been finalised and the winning house this year was St John Bosco (Yellow) with 900 points. The winning margin was only 10 points with Mother Teresa (Blue) scoring 890. (The trophy was presented to the winning house this afternoon in assembly).

### Year 5 Holy Family High School Visit

Children from Class 5 will be visiting Holy Family High School next Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July. Additional information regarding the day has been sent to the parents/carers of the children in that class.

### PE Kits

As you know when it's your child/s PE day they are allowed to come into school in their PE Kit. In the winter this will tend to be either the school white t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt with black tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings. In the summer months children can then wear the school purple shorts with the t-shirts. Unfortunately we have started to notice a number of children just wearing their own sports clothing which isn't allowed. Therefore, please could you ensure that your child comes to school in the appropriate wear on their particular PE day. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

### Doctors, Dentist & Hospital Appointment

A reminder to try to make routine Doctors & Dental Appointments outside of school hours. For all appointments in school hours we need to see the appointment letter, text or card.

### School Spider – All communications & online payments

We are no longer be using Parentapp for communications as we have moved to School Spider. It is important that you download the School Spider app so you do not miss out on information. The system also allows you to book and pay for After School Club & School Meals. School Meals & After School Club bookings need to be made via the app in advance. Bookings cannot be made on the day. To download, go to the app store on your phone & search School Spider, search for our school & follow the instructions to set up an account. You need to use the same email address that school have for you.



### **Book Swap**

A reminder we have a free book swap located in the foyer by our office! A book swap is an easy and fun way to swap books you no longer need for books you want to read! Please come along to see the books on offer and join in- don't forget to bring something to swap! Book Swap Rules 1. You can leave as many books as you like but please only take one book home at a time. 2. Make sure that the book(s) you are leaving are your own. 3. Make sure your book(s) are appropriate, clean and in good condition. 4. Make sure that you leave the shelf tidy and keep your swapped book in good condition. 5. Bring your book back once you have read it and swap it for another.

### **Pre-loved Uniform**

Just a reminder that you are welcome to come along and help yourselves to any items of uniform you need from our pre-loved uniform table in the foyer by the school office. If you have any uniform your child has grown out of and no longer needs please can you pass it into the school office. We particularly need PE kits & Nursery/Reception uniform.

### **Pastoral Care Lead**

Mr Davies is on the yard every morning before school should you have any queries or need any advice, you can also speak to him about any concerns you have around your child in class and then he can speak to the class teacher (He will have on his high visibility jacket so can be easily identified). You can also make an appointment to speak to him should you wish to discuss something further.

### **Healthy Snacks/Packed lunches**

We have noticed a number of children bringing in sweets/chocolate bars as part of their snack/packed lunch. As a school we are always trying to promote healthy lifestyles and would appreciate your support in providing healthy alternatives.

### **Free Breakfast Club**

Our Free Breakfast Club continues to be extremely popular. It runs every morning in the school hall from 7.45 am, however the cut off time for when food can be served is 8.25 am with the doors closing at 8.35 am. This free facility is available to children from Reception upwards so please do come along.

### **Nursery Places**

We have a limited number of 3 year old places available from September so if you have children of nursery age or know of friends/family who are looking for places and are new to the area then please get in touch to arrange a visit to our fantastic facility.

### **After School Club**

We have places available in our After School Club. Our prices are still very competitive compared to other schools & in addition our Breakfast Club remains a free facility. The First Hour is £6 & the full session is £12. We also have a new booking system on School Spider which allows parents to book and pay for sessions in advance.

### **Mass times at St William of York Catholic Church**

9.30am Sunday morning at St William's & 11.15am Sunday morning at St Mary's Little Crosby

Kind regards

Mr. M. Murphy  
**Headteacher**



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